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#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HILLSBORO, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 29 to July 2, the residents of Hillsboro will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Hillsboro is a growing community located in the "heart of the Red River Valley," and it is proud of its heritage. The city was started by a group of German and Norwegian settlers in 1869–1870. The Crown Prince of Norway visited the city in 1942. In 1971, the city was the recipient of the All-American City Award. This award is given to communities that exhibit civic excellence in times of crisis. It recognizes grassroots communities that work together to overcome challenges in innovative and collaborative ways.

Hillsboro has plenty to offer its residents and visitors. There are numerous outdoor activities to partake in, such as volleyball, golfing, fishing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. The Plummer House, home to the Traill County Historical Society Museum, is another site to see while in Hillsboro. There are also the Centennial and Pioneer Buildings, a log cabin, and St. Olaf Church.

The community has planned a wonderful weekend celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. The celebration includes an all-school reunion, a golf tournament, an antique tractor pull, concerts, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Hillsboro, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Hillsboro and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hillsboro that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:31 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5037) to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5037. An act to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5427. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5429. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

At 9:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 418. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4681. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5427. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3064. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 25, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1736. An act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6929. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grains and Similarly Handled Commodities—Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for the 2006 through 2007 Crop Years; Cotton" (RIN0560-AH38) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6930. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Percentages for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Advance Payments" (RIN0560-AH49) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6931. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Minimal Risk Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8062-3) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6932. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terbacil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8057-9) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.